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Amendment

In the Claims

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Claims 1-32. (canceled)

33. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(a) a first intraoral portion which rapidly dissolves or disintegrates intraorally to release a therapeutically effective amount of at least one pharmaceutically active ingredient which is capable of sublingual or buccal absorption through the mucous membranes of the mouth in a therapeutically effective level,

wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of Buprenorphine, Parecoxib, Aceclofenac, Buspirone, Iprapirone, Fexofenadine, Loratadine, Dexbrompheniramine, Temelastine, Verapamil, Amlodipine, Ergotamine Tartrate, Dihydroergotamine, Ondansetron, Prochlorperazine, Sildenafil, Alprostadil, Sufentanil, Lofentanil, Carfentanil, Nalbuphine, Droperidol, and Haloperidol, being present in an amount between 1 micrograms and 50 mg, and having a rapid onset following intraoral administration, wherein the intraoral portion is a film coating that is applied to the core or a compression coating that is compressed around the core; and

(b) a second oral portion located within the first portion which contains a pharmaceutically active ingredient, which is released for uptake into the intestine in a therapeutically effective amount after the intraoral portion has disintegrated or dissolved, wherein the second portion is either a sustained release or chewable formulation.